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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 20 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m. — consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultation Room

Afghanistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

11 a.m. — 4422nd meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on the children and armed conflict (S/2001/852)

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 864 (1993) CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN ANGOLA

3 p.m. — 38th meeting* (closed) — Conference Room 8

The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same conference room, immediately following the meeting.

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1373 (2001) CONCERNING COUNTER-TERRORISM

3.30 p.m. — 10th (closed) meeting — Conference Room 7

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 19th meeting | Conference Room 4

Questions relating to information [90] (A/56/21 and Add.1, A/56/411, A/C.4/56/L.19)

General debate

3 p.m.- 6 p.m. | 20th meeting | Conference Room 4

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [89]

Discussions

[Background documentation: A/56/478, A/55/1024 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 28th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.27

2. Implementation of the Habitat Agenda and outcome of the special session of the General Assembly on this topic [102] (A/56/8, Supplement No. 8, A/56/477, A/56/618, A/56/222-S/2001/736, A/56/306)

   Introduction, general discussion and conclusion of the item

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m. | 45th meeting | Conference Room 1

1. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.39

2. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [115]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1

3. Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.34

4. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/56/L.40 to L.49

5. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

   Continuation of general discussion

3.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m. | 46th meeting | Conference Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114] (A/56/3, A/56/12 and Add.1, A/56/128, A/56/333, A/56/335)

Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 122 (Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001) and 133 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations): Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly: Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) (A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1 and A/56/478)

2 p.m.- 4.30 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003):

Part VIII: Common support services *(continued)* :

Section 27: Management and central support services

Section 27A: Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

Section 27B: Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts

Section 27C: Office of Human Resources Management

Section 27D: Office of Central Support Services

Section 27E: Administration, Geneva

Section 27F: Administration, Vienna

Section 27G: Administration, Nairobi

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 27 and 27A-G), A/56/7 and A/56/16 and A/C.5/56/10/Rev.1)

Part IX: Internal oversight:

Section 28: Internal oversight (A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 28), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part X: Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29: Jointly financed administrative activities

Section 30: Special expenses

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Sections 29-30), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XI: Capital expenditures

Section 31: Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 31), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XII: Staff assessment

Section 32: Staff assessment

(A/56/6 and Corr.1 (Section 32), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Part XIII: Development Account

Section 33: Development Account

(A/56/6 and Corr.1, (Section 33), A/56/7 and A/56/16)

Income section 1:

Income from staff assessment A/56/6 (Income section 1)

Income section 2:

General income A/56/6 (Income section 2)

Income section 3:

Services to the public (A/56/6 (Income section 3)

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b) (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions)

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on humanitarian assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, organized by the delegation of Yugoslavia, will be held *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 39 (Towards global partnerships), organized by the delegation of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) will be held *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 20 November 2001, there will be meetings of interested delegations on the following draft proposals:

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.11 (item 98 (a)) (Programme budget implications: A/C.2/56/L.19), from 10 a.m. to 12 noon;

Conference Room 6: A/C.2/56/L.15 (item 98 (b)), from 12 noon to 1.15 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/56/L.10 (item 98), from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.; and

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/56/L.5 (item 103), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for these consultations.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 20 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched *today*, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 20 November 2001

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda sub-items 98 (b) and (f) (Environment and sustainable development))

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 103 (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT
(Open-ended consultations on the right to development)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(briefing by the United Nations Development Programme Group on the coordination of the United Nations operational activities for development)

1.30 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND AND THE SIXTH COMMITTEES
(on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea))

2 p.m. - 3 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 98 (g) (Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005))

6 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of JUSCANZ *(Third Committee) today*, 20 November 2001, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room C.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization *today*, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. *in Conference Room 2*. All delegations are invited.

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There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) *today*, 20 November 2001, at 4 p.m. in Room C-209B.

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Informal meeting

An informal meeting of Sixth Committee experts, organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C, to discuss draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) under agenda item 21 (f).

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" *today*, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Ms. Marcia Brewster, Special Events Coordinator of GERWUN, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 21 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m. — 60th PLENARY MEETING — General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/56/448 and Add.1 and 2) [38]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme: note by the Secretary-General (A/56/516) [16 (d)]
3. Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [36]
   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/454 and Add.1)
   (b) Draft resolution (A/56/L.12)
4. United Nations Year of Cultural Heritage, 2002: draft resolution (A/56/L.13) [177]

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	30th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 30th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	47th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	48th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution submitted under agenda item 20 (c) will be held on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, at 12 noon in Room C-209B.

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In accordance with resolution 55/75, adopted by the General Assembly on 4 December 2000, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the 2002 Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene for the first time in Geneva on Friday, 3 December 2001, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII at the Palais des Nations.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Argentina), Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission, would like to remind all delegations that the Working Group requested her to gather information on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms, to be provided by the delegations, preferably by 1 December 2001, on the understanding that they might submit further information at a later stage (tel.: (212) 688-6300, extension 226; fax: (212) 980-8395).

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A Web site of statistical indicators on implementation of the Millennium Declaration will be opened on Wednesday, 21 November 2001 (millenniumindicators.un.org). The indicators have been compiled by the Statistics Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. For further information, please write to the following e-mail address: unstats@un.org.

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There will be a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Open-ended consultations on the right to development, organized by the Non-Aligned Movement, will be held on Wednesday, 21 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance))* on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Western European and Other States Group on Wednesday, 21 November 2001, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org *or* http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 19 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

58th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(b) Letter of the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, India, Algeria, Senegal, Egypt, Croatia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Hungary, Mongolia, Namibia, Malaysia, Singapore, Belarus, Peru, Guatemala and Bhutan.

59th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(c) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(d) Letter of the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

Statements were made by the representatives of the Ukraine, China, the Philippines, Poland, the United States, the Republic of Korea, the Czech Republic, Japan, Indonesia, Mexico, Thailand, Bangladesh, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina, Tunisia, Morocco, Israel, Nauru, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Cameroon and Venezuela.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 58th plenary meeting on 19 November 2001, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

Statement on the occasion of the twelfth African Industrialization Day

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 18th meeting

Questions relating to information [90]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/56/21.

The Interim Head for the Department of Public Information made a statement.

The representative of Egypt, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/56/21).

The representative of Venezuela, Chairman of the Committee on Information, made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate with statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Algeria, the United Arab Emirates, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Egypt, Chile (on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group) and Spain.

On the proposal of its Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed delegations that discussions on agenda item 90, scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, might be moved up to Wednesday morning.

Election of the Bureau

On the proposal of its Chairman, the Committee decided to adopt a system of rotation for the posts of Chair, the three ViceChairs and one Rapporteur on the basis of the English alphabetical order of the regional groups. The Committee also decided that this decision would apply to the fifty-sixth and subsequent sessions of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee). The Committee then decided, on the basis of the methodology just adopted, to elect by acclamation the remaining members of the Bureau who were: Vice-Chairpersons: Ms. Alexandrina Livi Rusu (Romania), Mr. Cristian Streeter (Chile), H.E. Ms. Ana-Maija Korpi (Finland); Rapporteur: Mr. Graham Maitland (South Africa).

SECOND COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Chief, Policy Coordination Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Director, Division for Public Economics and Public Administration, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

The representative of the World Tourism Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Japan, China, Ukraine and the Russian Federation.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to Chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council (A/56/3) and read out the recommendations contained in the resolution 2001/21 entitled: "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits"

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of the item.

Organization of work

The Committee, on the proposal of the Chairman, agreed that the general debated of the item 106 (Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries) be rescheduled for the afternoon of 26 November and the morning of 27 November.

The Committee decided to cancel its formal meeting scheduled in the afternoon and to hold informal consultations instead.

Deadline for submission of draft proposals

The Committee was reminded that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 12 is on Tuesday, 20 November, at 6 p.m.

Sectoral policy questions [96]

(a) Business and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.26

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Industrial development cooperation

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.25

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [97]

(a) Women in development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.21

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(b) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.24

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) High-level dialogue on strengthening international cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.22

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.23

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

THIRD COMMITTEE

43rd meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in which the representatives of Pakistan, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, Mexico and the Sudan took part.

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union, and of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Iceland), Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), China, Japan, Norway, the Sudan, United States and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that the Committee will aim to take action on Wednesday morning on the following draft proposals: under item 112: A/C.3/56/L.20/Rev.1, L.21 and L.24/Rev.1; under item 115: A/C.3/56/L.28/Rev.1 and L.29; under item 118: A/C.3/56/L.31-L.33 and under item 119 (a), A/C.3/56/L.34-L.38.

44th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [114]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Yugoslavia, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, New Zealand, Croatia and Canada.

The observer for the International Organization for Migration also made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 28th meeting

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter dated 9 November 2001 from the President of the General Assembly addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee, regarding the allocation of agenda item 169 (Administration of justice at the United Nations) (A/C.5/56/1/Add.1).

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Egypt, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.6.

The representative of Morocco made a statement.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Management of buildings

Private management consulting firms

The representative of Botswana, coordinator of informal consultations on these items, introduced draft resolutions A/C.5/56/L.3 and A/C.5/56/L.4.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolutions.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of these questions.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Visitors' experience

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.8.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Development Account

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.9.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Profitability of commercial activities

The representative of Ukraine, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.10.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Information technology

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

The representative of Canada, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.11.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this question.

Human resources management [126]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Consultants

Delegation of authority

Young professionals

The representative of Pakistan, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decisions A/C.5/56/L.12, A/C.5/56/L.13 and A/C.5/56/L.14.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decisions.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of these questions.

Joint Inspection Unit [128]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Croatia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.5.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of its consideration of this agenda item.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that following a request made by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) inviting the Bureau to make appropriate arrangements for the Ramadan period, the Bureau was proposing that meetings be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Consequently, the Bureau had also felt the necessity to revise its programme of work for the week of 19-23 November.

Following statements by the representatives of Tunisia, Belgium (on behalf of the European Union), Argentina and Australia, the Committee decided to hold, during the Ramadan period, meetings from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. It also decided not to hold meetings on Friday, 23 November.

The representative of Portugal, coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003), made a statement.

The Chairman made a concluding statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 27th meeting

International Convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [174]

The representative of France introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.19.

Statements were made by the representatives of Germany (also on behalf of France), Israel, Japan, the Russian Federation, Malta, Canada, Poland, Grenada, Lithuania, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Venezuela, Uganda, Cuba, Peru, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Haiti and Nigeria.

It was announced that Algeria, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Morocco, Poland, the Republic of Korea, and San Marino had joined the list of co-sponsors of draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.19. Uganda, Cuba, Peru, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Haiti and Nigeria subsequently announced their intention to join as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The observers of the Holy See and Switzerland made statements.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of Grenada made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.19 without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 174.

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [167]

The representative of New Zealand made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.18 on behalf of sponsors. She also orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution. France, Greece, Luxemburg, Poland and Romania joined the sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.18, as orally amended, without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 167.

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its thirty-fourth session [162]

The representative of Colombia introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.17.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

The representative of Ecuador introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.20 and Corr.1 (Spanish only).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 162

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-fourth session [161]

The Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.6/56/L.8, A/C.6/56/L. 11, and A/C.6/56/L.12 and Corr.1 without a vote.

The Committee concluded its consideration of agenda item 161.

Establishment of the International Criminal Court [164]

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.21 and made an oral revision.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.21, as orally revised, without a vote and concluded its consideration of agenda item 164.

Observer status for partners in population and development in the General Assembly [176]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Bangladesh made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/56/L.23 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 176.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [21 (f)]

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of India made a statement and introduced draft resolution A/C.6/56/L.24.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

It was announced that the Committee would continue its consideration of this item at its next meeting.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [166]

The Chairman of the Working Group of the Sixth Committee on terrorism introduced the report of the Working Group (A/C.6/56/L.9).

Statements were made by the coordinator on the draft convention on nuclear terrorism, who also coordinated work on outstanding issues on the draft comprehensive convention on terrorism; the Chairman of the Committee of the Security Council established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism and by the Legal Counsel.

The Chairman of the Sixth Committee spoke. The representative of Grenada also spoke.

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COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

260th meeting

Consideration of the draft resolutions on the question of Palestine

The Chairman introduced draft resolutions on the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Division for Palestinian Rights, the Special information programme on the question of Palestine and on Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine.

The Committee approved the draft resolutions.

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

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69th and 70th meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Croatia (E/1990/5/Add.46). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Saint Kitts and Nevis (16 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Saint Kitts and Nevis (16 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The Global Launch of the United Nations Consolidated Inter-Agency Appeals for 2002 on the theme "Reaching the Vulnerable", sponsored by the Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Kenzo Oshima, will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 11 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Secretary-General will lead the launch. The President of the Security Council, H.E. Ms. Mignonette Patricia Durrant (Jamaica), the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, Ms. Thoraya Obaid, will attend the event. The Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Carolyn McAskie, will be the moderator. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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